

referred to as Attorney Docket No. SHO-0054, "GAMING MACHINE" referred to as Attorney Docket No. SHO-0055, "GAMING MACHINE" referred to as Attorney Docket No. SHO-0056, and "GAMING MACHINE" referred to as Attorney Docket No. SHO-0057, respectively, all the applications being filed on Oct. 31, 2003 herewith. The co-pending applications including specifications, drawings, and claims are expressly incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

What is claimed is:

**1.** A gaming machine comprising:

a plurality of symbol strips each having a plurality of symbols;

a plurality of annular bodies to which each of the symbol strips are annularly attached;

image display means provided in front of the plurality of annular bodies and configured to display an image concerning a game; and

a light source configured to illuminate the symbols from behind the symbols,

wherein the plurality of annular bodies are made transparent or semitransparent for transmitting light from the light source in a direction of the image display means.

**2.** A gaming machine comprising:

a plurality of symbol strips each having a plurality of symbols;

a plurality of annular bodies to which each of the symbol strips are annularly attached;

image display means provided in front of the plurality of annular bodies and configured to display an image concerning a game; and

a light source configured to illuminate the symbols from behind the symbols,

wherein the plurality of annular bodies are formed to diffuse light from the light source in a direction of the image display means.

**3.** A gaming machine comprising:

a plurality of symbol strips each having a plurality of symbols;

a plurality of annular bodies to which each of the symbol strips are annularly attached;

image display means provided in front of the plurality of annular bodies and configured to display an image concerning a game; and

a light source configured to illuminate the symbols from a slanting direction of a front of the symbols,

wherein the plurality of annular bodies are formed to reflect light from the light source in a direction of the image display means.

**4.** A gaming machine comprising:

a plurality of annular bodies each having an outer ring part on which a plurality of symbols are placed, and an arm part joined to the outer ring part;

image display means provided in front of the plurality of annular bodies and configured to display an image concerning a game; and

a light source configured to illuminate the symbols from behind the symbols,

wherein the outer ring part and the arm part of each of the annular bodies are formed in one piece,

wherein at least a side margin of the outer ring part is made transparent or semitransparent for transmitting light from the light source in a direction of the image display means.

**5.** A gaming machine comprising:

a plurality of annular bodies each having an outer ring part on which a plurality of symbols are placed, and an arm part joined to the outer ring part;

image display means provided in front of the plurality of annular bodies and configured to display an image concerning a game; and

a light source configured to illuminate the symbols from behind the symbols,

wherein the outer ring part and the arm part of each of the annular bodies are formed in one piece,

wherein at least a side margin of the outer ring part is formed to diffuse light from the light source in a direction of the image display means.

**6.** A gaming machine comprising:

a plurality of annular bodies each having an outer ring part on which a plurality of symbols are placed, and an arm part joined to the outer ring part;

image display means provided in front of the plurality of annular bodies and configured to display an image concerning a game; and

a light source configured to illuminate the symbols from a slanting direction of a front of the symbols,

wherein the outer ring part and the arm part of each of the annular bodies are formed in one piece,

wherein at least a side margin of the outer ring part is formed to reflect light from the light source to diffuse in a direction of the image display means.

**7.** The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the annular body is formed in white color.

**8.** The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the annular body is formed of polycarbonate.

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